

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A reinforcing member which is integrally cast with a cast metal, comprising:

a material which is different from the cast metal; and
a hollow portion.

2. (Original) The reinforcing member according to claim 1,
the reinforcing member comprising:

a stacked structure having plated members;

openings formed at the plated members, the openings forming the hollow portion; and
members laminated on both surfaces of the stacked structure and covering the openings.

3. (Currently Amended) The reinforcing member according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2,
the reinforcing member comprising:

a porous body covering a portion of the reinforcing member or overall surfaces of the
reinforcing member.

4. (Original) The reinforcing member according to claim 3,
wherein the porous body is composed of a porous fibrous material of metal fiber.

5. (Currently Amended) An engine block comprising:

a journal portion for which the reinforcing member recited in ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1 is used.

6. (Original) A production method for a reinforcing member which is integrally cast with the cast metal, comprising:

stacking plated members having openings; and

laminating the plated members on an upper member and a lower member of the stacked plated members so as to cover the openings.

7. (Original) The production method for a reinforcing member according to claim 6, wherein the production method further comprising:

covering a portion of the reinforcing member or overall surfaces of the reinforcing member with a porous body.

8. (Original) The production method for a reinforcing member according to claim 7, wherein the porous body is composed of a porous fibrous material of metal fiber.